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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 1307 crashes as compared to 1252 crashes in December of 2005. As compared to last year, crashes that resulted in fatalities decreased by 93.3%. In actual numbers, there were 15 fatal crashes in December 2005 and Only one Fatal Crash in December of 2006. The only fatality involved a subject that was not wearing a seatbelt. The Southern Command preliminary documentation identified a decrease in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes as compared to last year. Of the 54 commercial crashes investigated this month, there were 0 fatalities; 10 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 44 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.1% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 709 crash reports in December 2006. This resulted in 5380 crash reports being mailed out, 30% less than last year. There were 775 visitors, requesting police services, at the Front Office which was an decrease of 21% when compared to December 2005. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 28,139 CAD incidents and approximately 35,128 telephone calls. The CAD incidents can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes, motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation.

The Southern Command had an increase in overall traffic enforcement of 5.1% in December 2006, as compared to December 2005. This increase may be a result of the recent recruitment, hiring and training of new officers into the vacant officer positions here in the Southern Command. Total DUI arrests prior to crashes were up 13% as compared to last year. DUI arrests from crashes showed a significant increase of 84 % as compared to December 2005. Occupant restraint violations were up 7% over December 2005. The Commercial Enforcement Section increased it's hazardous moving violation enforcement by 162% and all other violations by 356%. This was coupled with an increase of inspections during December by 41.5% that resulted in 1824 safety violations that placed 155 drivers being placed "out of service"..

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	December -06	December -05	% Change	November-06	% Change
Total crashes	1307	1252	4.4%	1199	9.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	994	937	6.1%	898	10.7%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	312	300	4.0%	293	6.5%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1	15	-93.3%	8	-87.5%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	81	44	84.1%	70	15.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1	19	-94.7%	12	-91.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	7	-700.0%	3	-300.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	3	-66.7%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0	5	-500.0%	1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	3	-300.0%	3	-300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	2	-200.0%	2	-200.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	54	59	-8.5%	62	-12.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	44	43	2.3%	50	-12.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	15	-33.3%	10	0.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0	1	-100.0%	2	-200.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .1 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.2%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.1 %
- ✱ Total crashes up 4.4 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 8% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 93.3% compared to last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	December-06		December-05	% Change		November-06	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	81		44	84.1%		70	15.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	246		217	13.4%		172	43.0%
Other arrests	1054		1258	-16.2%		903	16.7%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	465		522	-10.9%		397	17.1%
Speed violations	4079		3850	5.9%		3604	13.2%
Hazardous moving violations	2192		2132	2.8%		2164	1.3%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	749		700	7.0%		616	21.6%
Total violations [above violations included]	12197		11601	5.1%		10732	13.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	76		29	162.1%		109	-30.3%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	242		53	356.6%		280	-13.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	961		679	41.5%		789	21.8%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	338		321	5.3%		335	0.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1824		1058	72.4%		1787	2.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	139		90	54.4%		128	8.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	155		138	12.3%		81	91.4%
Total school buses inspected	25		213	-88.3%		53	-52.8%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	8		31	-74.2%		3	166.7%
Total trucks weighed	668		762	-12.3%		614	8.8%
Total overweight citations	32		31	3.2%		62	-48.4%
Total dyed fuel inspections	12011		680	1666.3%		777	1445.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	4		0	400.0%		0	400.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	100		2		100
Safety Violations Citation	14		4		14
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		0		0
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	1		0		5
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		0		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.145%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ✱ 5% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 36% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	December 2006		December 2005	% Change		November 06	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	123,627		173,385	-28.7%		122,842	0.6%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	1,333,541		423,183	215.1%		1,015,064	31.4%
CAD Incidents	28,139		24,014	17.2%		25,802	9.1%
Telephone Calls	35,128		37,088	-5.3%		32,355	8.6%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	28		101	-72.3%		46	-39.1%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	709		1,271	-44.2%		1,330	-46.7%
Arrest Reports Processed	365		424	-13.9%		289	26.0%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	7		14	-50.0%		6	16.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	103		125	-17.6%		134	-23.1%
Visitors at Counter	775		977	-20.7%		819	-5.4%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	5,380		7,766	-30.7%		5,276	2.0%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	565		228	147.8%		454	24.4%
Warrants Entered	293		111	164.0%		144	103.5%
Warrants Cleared	187		278	-32.7%		409	-54.3%
Warrants Validated	3599		1924	87.1%		3599	
Extradition / Transports	16		13	23.1%		13	23.1%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	66		127	-48.0%		95	-30.5%
New Items Submitted	114		201	-43.3%		150	-24.0%
Items Disposed	9		21	-57.1%		74	-87.8%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 90.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 7.6 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 1.5 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION**Public Requests for Information:**

244 Email Answers

19 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints

225 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

855 phone call or messages (both office and cell phone), phone number taken from the NHP Website.

Phone queries to include: Thanks to the Troopers, commendations, witnesses to accidents and NRS questions

Press releases: 15

1 was fatality related, 4 traffic related, 8 informational and 2 related to charity events.

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. December 12, 2006

HEAT PROGRAM: TRAFFIC SAFETY CLASSES:

We were also honored to lead a driving safety and DUI awareness session for the driver's education teachers from the Clark County School District. The HEAT program also had the opportunity to address the Nevada Professional Driving School Association and made itself available to each individual school.

HEAT RACING CONTINUED:

The HEAT involvement with the Midnight Mayhem series continues to be a hit with all participants. Good community turnout with a great chance to meet with many of the teen "racers". Though Test and Tune sessions have concluded for 2006 we are in contact with the LVMS working on ways to make the Midnight Mayhem bigger and better in 2007.

DRIVER'S EDGE:

The Driver's Edge program picked up right where it left off in Southern Nevada. All 4 sessions were filled to capacity. The H.E.A.T. Program delivered its driving safety message to 518 parents and teens. The topics for discussion include seatbelt safety, common crash causing violations, and "under the influence of" driving (cell phones, fatigue, passengers, etc as well as drugs and alcohol). December 2nd & 3rd, 2006

COURAGE TO LIVE PROGRAM:

The HEAT program welcomes another positive addition to the NHP. The Courage to Live Program will provide an educational presentation as well as an open discussion forum for adults and parents of middle school and high school students throughout the Las Vegas Valley. We are still in the planning stages and plan to hit at least 2 middle schools in the spring.